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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SOVIET PRESS - DEC 8

1. U.S. COVERAGE REMAINS LIGHT IN CENTRAL PRESS, MODERATE IN LITERATURNAYA GAZETA, AND LESS NEGATIVE THAN USUAL, EVEN IN LITGAZ.

-- PRAVDA NOTES TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND CHAIRMAN OF ITALIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ANDREOTTI.

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ARTICLE SAYS ANDREOTTI HAD INTENDED TO ESTABLISH

CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER, BUT WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL DUE TO CARTER'S ANNOUNCED POLICY OF DECLINING SUCH CONTACTS UNTIL HE TAKES OFFICE.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ PICK UP AFP ITEM LINKING CIA WITH RECENT EXPLOSION OF CUBAN PLANE OFF BARBADOS.

-- DEC 8 LITGAZ HAS A NUMBER OF ARTICLES ON U.S. NOVOSTI CORRESPONDENT GERASIMOV REPORTS ENTHUSIASTIC CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH U.S. BUSINESS LEADERS ON RETURN FLIGHT FROM MOSCOW AFTER MEETING OF SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE-ECONOMIC COUNCIL. HE CONCLUDES BY QUOTING MARSHALL SHULMAN ON BREZHNEV SPEECH LAYING FOUNDATION FOR REALISTIC RELATIONS WITH NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION. SHULMAN REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING FELT THEY WERE PRESENT AT HISTORIC MOMENT WHEN QUESTION OF FUTURE WAS BEING DECIDED.

-- LITGAZ ALSO HAS PIECE BY N.Y. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT G. BOROVIK CITING IRA WASHBURN, FORMERLY WITH FORD MOTOR COMPANY, ON BUSINESS CIRCLES' INTEREST IN SALT AND ON BENEFICIAL EFFECT WHICH INCREASED U.S.-SOVIET TRADE WOULD HAVE ON U.S. INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT. WASHBURN IS REPORTED AS BEING CRITICAL OF SENATOR JACKSON, AS IS PHIL COLCORD OF LEGAL FIRM COLCORD AND MCKANTY (NAMES APPROXIMATE). BOROVIK CONCLUDES BY DESCRIBING MOOD OF OPTIMISM ABOUT FUTURE EXPRESSED BY THOSE AMERICANS WITH WHOM HE HAS RECENTLY SPOKEN. MANY EXPRESS HOPE, HE SAYS, THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL UNDERTAKE MEASURES WHICH WILL REFLECT TRUE INTERESTS OF MAJORITY OF AMERICAN PEOPLE.

-- PRECEDING POSITIVE ARTICLES IN LITGAZ ARE BALANCED BY TWO NEGATIVE PIECES. YU. OSIPOV WRITES ON DIFFICULTIES FACED BY A PROFESSOR NYQUIST, DIRECTOR OF N.Y. STATE ADMINISTRATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS, DUE TO HIS EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF DESEGREGATION. NYQUIST PROBLEM IS COMPARED TO THAT OF PROFESSOR NYDEN OF PITTSBURGH UNIVERSITY, WHOSE CASE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF LITGAZ.

-- LITGAZ HAS A HALF PAGE ARTICLE BY MARIE-GISSELE LAND FROM NOUVELLE OBSERVATEUR ON A NAZI GROUP IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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## 2. OTHER COVERAGE:

-- ON M.E., QADHAFI TALKS WITH BREZHNEV, PODGORNYY, KOSYGIN, AND GROMYKO CONTINUE, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA AND KZ.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS BEIRUT ARTICLE WHICH DESCRIBES FIGHTING BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS FROM FATAH AND SA'IGA AT NAKHR AL' BARID REFUGEE CAMP NEAR TRIPOLI.

-- KZ HAS TASS N.Y. PIECE ON UNGA DISCUSSION OF

M.E. ARTICLE MENTIONS DRAFT RESOLUTION OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP WHICH CALLS ON UNSYG TO CONTACT ALL INTERESTED SIDES, INCLUDING U.S. AND USSR, WITH GOAL OF RECONVENING MEPC NO LATER THAN MARCH 1.

- PRAVDA HAS SHORT ITEM BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A. VASIL'EV ON DISAPPOINTING ECONOMIC RESULTS OF "FREE TRADE ZONE" IN EGYPT.

-- PRAVDA NOTES EXCHANGE OF CABLES BETWEEN PODGORNY AND LEBANESE PRESIDENT SARKIS ON OCCASION OF LEBANESE NATIONAL DAY.

-- KZ HAS V. VINOGRADOV ARTICLE ON ISRAELI 1977-78 GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND POOR STATE OF ISRAELI ECONOMY.

- AFRICA COVERAGE IS VERY LIGHT. PRAVDA HAS SHORT TASS LUSAKA ITEM CITING SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA ON FRG-SOUTH AFRICA MILITARY TIES.

-- DEC 7 VODNIY TRANSPORT (NOT USUALLY COVERED IN EMBASSY PRESS SUMMARY) HAD LENGTHY, CRITICAL ARTICLE BY A. SVETLOV ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD PANAMA WITH REGARD TO NEGOTIATIONS OVER STATUS OF CANAL ZONE.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS ANNOUNCEMENT ON ROCKET TESTS IN PACIFIC, DEC 10-30.

-- PRAVDA HAS TASS MANILA AND WASHINGTON ARTICLES ON POOR U.S.-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS RESULTING FROM BREAK-DOWN OF TALKS ON U.S. BASES. KZ HAS SIMILAR, SHORT ARTICLE ON SUBJECT.

-- PRAVDA COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY VSEVOLOD KALININ ALSO CARRIES THEME OF U.S. PRESSURE ON PHILIPPINES OVER MILITARY ISSUES. KALININ ALSO DESCRIBES PENTAGON'S EFFORT TO TRANSFORM ASEAN INTO A MILITARY BLOC, NOTES RESURGENCE OF ACTIVITY OF ANZUS, AND DOES NOT FAIL TO MENTION DIEGO GARCIA.

-- PRAVDA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT LATYSHEV WRITES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM TOKYO ON CRISIS IN JAPANESE LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

-- PRAVDA ROUTINELY REPORTS SECURITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION TO UNGA THAT WALDHEIM GET SECOND TERM AS UNSEC GEN.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY BRUSSELS DATELINED STOREIS ON NATO MILITARY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AND UPCOMING NAC MINISTERIAL ("NATO MARATHON", PRAVDA CALLS IT), TYING THEM INTO HACKNEYED COMPLAINT ABOUT NATO OUTSPENDING WP. MATLOCK

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